(b) whether it is also a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice has recommended for its amendment;

(c) whether the Minister has also assured the Rajya Sabha that the Bill would be introduced at the earliest, if so, what follow up action has been taken by the Ministry;

(d) by when this Bill would be introduced in the Parliament; and

(e) whether the Ministry has any positive considerations towards the demands of the Sikh Minority Community?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) In reply to Starred Question No.141 answered on 10.3.2008, this House was informed that the issue of registration of marriage under Anand Marriage Act will be expedited. Since this requires consultation with the State Governments and other stakeholders, it will take some more time before a final decision is taken in the matter.

Overhauling of JUSTICE delivery system

370. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has prepared several radical ideas to overhaul the justice delivery system in the country including appointment of thousands of new judges, bringing down the pendency of cases from 15 years to 3 years and operating courts in three shifts;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to establish a National Arrears Grid to ascertain the exact number of cases in every court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY) : (a) to (d) The Government has taken up the work of preparing a roadmap for judicial reforms in the country which aims, *inter-alia,* at reducing pendency in the courts. In this context, the Government organized a "National Consultation for strengthening the judiciary towards reducing pendency and delays" on 24th-25th October, 2009 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. In the National Consultation, it was, *inter-alia,* resolved that the efforts will be made by all concerned to reduce the time taken for disposal of cases from 15 years to 3 years and to work together to implement the various steps including formation of a National Arrears Grid, required to ensure provision of expeditious, quality and inclusive justice. These are under consideration of the Government.

Benches of Supreme Court

371. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: